



COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS



Family Readiness contributes to Combat Readiness

Everyone who proudly wears the Eagle, Globe and Anchor will someday hang up their uniform for the last time. Although our pride as a Marine will never fade, our service as a Marine is temporary. On the other hand, our families are for life so we must strike a balance between our duty as a professional warrior, and our duty as a parent, spouse, son, or daughter.

It is important to note that our SPMAGTF CP-10 family does not end with our fellow brother and sister-in-arms. Our family includes every spouse, child, mother, and father. All will be welcome at our family events and will be included in our correspondence according to the Marine's desires.

SPMAGTF CP-10 is fortunate to have an excellent Family Readiness Officer (FRO). We are also fortunate to have motivated and caring family readiness mentors, advisors, and assistants. I encourage your spouses to contact our FRO and become active in the Family Readiness Program. An informed spouse is an asset to SPMAGTF CP-10 by reducing rumors and being a resource of knowledge. Together, we can help prepare families by ensuring they are informed, empowered and involved.

Prepared Marines and Families

Informed: Regular communication will reduce stress and mitigate the feeling of being left in the dark. We will leverage all technologies to maintain communications with our Marines and their families to include newsletters, e-mails, the Internet, and the telephone.

Empowered: The training provided during pre-deployment and post-deployment briefs represent unique opportunities for family members to gain knowledge on the multitude of programs available. If a situation arises, empowered families are those who can provide for themselves because they know what resources are available to them and what actions they need to take.

Involved: Family days are a great way for us and our families to get to know each other in a social setting. I encourage all SPMAGTF CP-10 Marines to participate whether they are single or with their families (both immediate and extended). Our goal is families and Marines who participate in Squadron functions not because they have to but because they want to.

The time to start building a strong family network is not the day we deploy. We will deploy with the full knowledge that our families are prepared because they have been informed, empowered, and involved. Simply put, if our families are not prepared prior to a deployment, then the Marine is not ready to deploy. As we take the fight to the enemy, we must do so with the full knowledge that our families are prepared. With this assurance, Marines can dedicate themselves to their mission and fellow Marine, and return home to their families safely.

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